Stereotypes and different cultures

To start off, different cultures may have different kinds of racism and stereotypes; however, people and cultures may get affected the same way. **how do stereotypes affect a person/culture.** In *Homecoming King,* a comedy show presented on Netflix, and written by Hasan Minaj is a show that describes the troubles Hasan had as a teenager. Hasan Grew up in Davis California, and deals with the racism and stereotypes people have put on the Muslim culture, while his parents were both from India. Hasan lived with his father, while his mom stayed in India; similarly, Alex Dang, a young writer from Portland Oregon. Alex is Asian American, and he must deal with the different Stereotypes people have put on his culture. Alex expresses his thoughts through poetry; where as, Hasan describes his thoughts through his show. **Similarly, *King*, and *Asian* both experience Racism and stereotypes. Hasan from *King* explains to the audience the racism and stereotypes he experienced; at the same time, Alex dang experiences racism and stereotypes, just through a different culture.**

People get affected by stereotypes in every culture, how does this effect one’s mental state. Hasan plays with the tone of his comedy show to show what is real and what is not. He uses a fun tone explaining how him being a young teenager fell in love with a white girl, and then he changes the tone into a serious and frustrated, “were going to be taking a lot of pictures tonight and we don’t think you are going to be a good fit,” (Minaj) Hasan gets told that he would not fit into the white family’s pictures because of his Muslim background. This shows that people even in a modern day society still think that it is unfit to have a Muslim in some friendly prom pictures; Similarly, Alex Dang in his poem *What Kind of Asian are you,* goes deep into the plenty of stereotypes in the Asian culture, “Let me tell you about a society that projects us as nothing but the secondary role and never the leading man.” (Dang)Dang explains how society pushes his culture aside and never looks at the Asian culture as they should be treated equal. Each culture has different stereotypes, some silly, some ruthless and rather crude, people’s mindset must change after hearing these stereotypes about there culture. These stereotypes about the Muslim and Asian culture will bring people down and make them think that they are doing something wrong, when for the most part it is not their fault.

Negative stereotypes can make the quality of life worse for people. Stereotypes make people feel down on themselves, Minaj and Dang both get down on themselves for a period of time when they or their culture is stereotyped. “Blinker left on for half a mile.” (Dang) Dang is harassed for the stereotypes people have created on the Asian culture having bad driving skills, which makes people automatically think that most Asian drivers are not good at driving, which is not true. This will make the Asian culture furious and sad that these stereotypes represent them; Similarly, The Muslim culture also has many bad stereotypes, “You better get all A’s,” (Minaj) Minaj’s father said to him, this stereotype is often found in the Asian culture and the Muslim culture, in this case Minaj is forced into thinking he must get good grades, because this is what his culture does. Both cultures also have been stereotyped to have strict parents, the kids must have good grades, and then get into a good school and be successful, but this leads the kids of each culture to not have their own freedom and train of thought. Both of these cultures have these stereotypes, this makes people feel bad, and down on themselves, no matter the culture the affects for the most part is the same. “These things happen, and will continue to happen,” (Minaj) Minaj’s father said to him after the 911 attacks happened, and since Minaj is Muslim, he is bullied for what his culture did. “I am the expert on all things Asian,” Dang said, which could resemble Dang being used to these stereotypes, and by now he used to all of them and now he is a “expert.”

Lastly, Stereotypes make people want to be different, Stereotypes make people not want to express there culture, or what they do, because they do something bad, or wrong. People in a culture feel bad for what they do, and don’t do, this makes them want to change who they are, or what they represent. People now days generalize cultures and think that all people in a culture are for the same thing. “I want to be white,” (Minaj) Minaj tells himself, after his first experience with racism. “I’m equal I don’t deserve this,” (Minaj) Minaj tells himself after getting harassed for not being wanted in a white family’s photos. People treat people horribly, no matter what culture, what the colour of there skin is, no matter the way they talk; Furthermore, people should not have to feel bad for the things there culture do, they should feel proud of their culture, and people should strive to make their culture better, not mourn over what has happened. “As immigrants we always have to put out a press release to prove our patriotism,” (Minaj) Minaj said after people said to go back to your country, Not only Minaj of the Muslim culture experience this, Dang, is affected by these stereotypes, there are many stereotypes in the white and African American culture, so why do we just focus on certain cultures stereotypes, most culture has them not just certain ones. No matter what culture people are in, everyone should be treated no different from the other.

In conclusion, no matter what culture you are everyone still experiences bad stereotypes, and bad racism, every culture, it may be different stereotypes, but people will get affected in the same way. People are rude to each other no matter what we do, but we need to learn to accept other people, no matter what stereotypes they have. People also have to take into note that people get hurt by these stereotypes, there quality of life is worse, and if the stereotypes Is bad enough they try not to do it. If everyone changes to be the same as each other and the way we like then no one would be different, and it would be boring; Lastly, *Homecoming King, and What Kind of Asian are you,* are perfect examplesof cultures and stereotypes, because they are both from different cultures, and they both experience stereotypes in different ways but they experience the same consequence in the end, Dang experiences racism through his culture, and Minaj experiences it first hand, yet they both have the same consequences and get down in the same way. If we did not have such stereotypes, and we just accepted each culture as the way it is then we would not have to worry about these problems, and not have to worry about brining other people down.

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